

\$200,000, Rupert Murdoch, big business. At times the contract did not seem like a revolution, but an auction.

Who are some of the losers? Kids, students, minorities, women, environmentalists, and the middle class.

Mr. Speaker, I will give this to the Republicans: They deserve credit for their tenacity and discipline. The question is, are they ready to govern in a bipartisan basis or is the 100 days Contract With America simply going to be politics as usual?

#### LOSERS IN THE REPUBLICAN CONTRACT

(Mr. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, the first 100 days has made clear what the Republicans are up to. The contract on America gives new meaning to the words "women and children first." Programs that benefit working Americans are being cut, not for deficit reduction, but for rewards and tax reductions to special interests. Who lost? Women, children, students, working middle-class families and the elderly. Spending for school lunches, nutrition programs like WIC, senior housing, and even Medicare have been slashed. Summer jobs programs for disadvantaged youth, low income heating, housing assistance for over 5 million low-income and elderly families have been terminated.

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Cuts in the program have taken place for more than 100,000 police on our city's streets. New school loans, programs for students are being targeted and being cut. Even Social Security is at risk.

Half the tax cuts benefit Americans with incomes over \$100,000. That is the richest 12 percent of Americans. In fact, the top 1 percent of the wealthy people get more benefits than 65 million families at the bottom.

Repeal of corporate minimum tax provisions will result in many of our largest and most profitable corporations paying no taxes.

The contract effectively repeals major provisions of environmental law meant to preserve human health and the quality of our air, water, soil, and, indeed, our life.

Republicans pushed term limits because they know it could not pass rather than addressing the real problem by reforming our broken campaign finance system.

#### WHO WON, WHO LOST—A SUMMARY

The story of who and who lost in the first 100 days of the Republican Congress is clear.

Who won: Billionaires, corporate interests, and wealthy Americans who can hire lobbyists to protect and promote their interests in the GOP Congress. They clearly won, as the GOP Congress sought to: Provide special access for GOP lobbyists; provide tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans; wipe out the corporate minimum tax; ignore Democratic ef-

forts to reform lobbying and gift rules and campaign financing; transferred \$1.1 billion that was feeding women, infants and children into a windfall profit for big drug companies; and, let lobbyists undo Federal protection for food, health, and safety.

Who has paid for this unprecedented array of special breaks and privileges is equally clear.

Who lost: America's working families and their children, and our senior citizens. They clearly lost, as the GOP Congress sought to: Cut school lunches and nutritional standards for meals served in schools; slash national college scholarships and increase the cost of student loans for almost five million families; cut the 100,000 cops program to put more police in neighborhoods; cut aid for needed school reform; decimate job training and eliminate more than one million summer youth jobs; cut funds for Big Bird and Sesame Street as well as other educational TV programming; weaken Federal protection for our drinking water, food, and automobiles; make huge cuts in Medicare; abandon America's promise to our senior citizens by opposing Democratic efforts to protect Social Security from budget balancing plans; and, eliminate home heating assistance for senior citizens and working \* \* \*.

#### A CONTRACT ON MICHIGAN

Winners: Billionaires, Washington lobbyists and well-heeled special interests got huge tax breaks and unprecedented access and influence in the GPO's first 100 days.

Who Paid For It: Working families, children and seniors in Michigan.

1. Michigan Loses Education and Job Opportunities.

151,594 Michigan students will pay more for student loans.

620 of Michigan's kids won't participate in national service and earn college tuition.

458,200 Michigan residents will not benefit from an increase in the minimum wage.

527 entire Michigan schools districts will lose money to make schools safe and drug free.

3,800 Michigan special needs students will lose the extra help they need to learn and succeed.

42,900 Michigan kids will lose summer jobs.

2. Michigan Loses: Feeding and Housing Our Children and Senior Citizens.

743,665 Michigan children are in danger of losing their school lunches.

188,089 mothers will lose some or all of the help they receive to provide nutritious food and milk to their infants and children.

9,930 Michigan children are at risk of losing access to safe, affordable child care.

377,883 Michigan senior citizens, families and kids will lose heating assistance they depend on to get through the winter.

32,852 Michigan families who could have counted on an FHA loan to buy their first homes are in danger of losing their only access to an affordable loan.

3. Michigan Loses: Safer Streets.

387 fewer cops will walk Michigan's streets as a result of the Republican Contract.

561 new cops are keeping Michigan communities safer because of Democratic initiatives in 1994.

#### CONTRACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

(Mr. VENTO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, with the new Republican majority, Americans had hoped for the best. Now we know, after 3 months, to expect the worst in terms of Republican partisanship, serv-

ing special interests, not the American people and family.

As citizens all across America prepare to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, the silver anniversary, tarnished and corrosive effect is taking place on the environment. I am deeply troubled, and Americans are, that in our Nation's Capital the 104th Republican Congress is working furiously to destroy almost all that has been accomplished in the last three or four decades.

This Contract on America has turned into a contract on America's landscapes, on our parks, on our wildernesses, on America's air, contract on America's drinking water, on America's rivers and natural and historic resources and this contract will take a terrible toll.

This environmental assault is an insult to the American people. But the American citizens can do something about it the next 3 weeks. You can make our policymakers see the light or feel the heat. They need to be forcefully reminded that environmental policies and laws are not brutally attacked, were not forged through partisan warfare. They were not the work of Democrats or Republicans alone; rather, they are uniquely derived from years of deliberation, of listening and responding to core conservation values.

That is right, let us have some conservation in those that claim to be conservatives in this Congress.

Those environmental laws and policies have been derived from the ethic of the American people. These policies are based on the wisdom of Americans who by experience, education, and ethics understand that there are some areas of this vast Nation that should not be despoiled.

Let us take back the environment. Let us make these individuals that are advancing these policies see the light or feel the heat.

#### THE NEXT 2,000 DAYS IN CONGRESS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, as I watched the celebration that was misdirected on the Capitol steps this morning, Republicans celebrating what was 100 days of gimmickry, I wondered whether or not we really needed to listen to those who were not able to come to the U.S. Capitol, for as we look at some of the headlines saying "Senate Battle Lines Forming Over Possible Tax Cuts," when we see the headlines "GOP Gets Mixed Review From Public Wary on Taxes," and when we find out that "Despite Change on Hill, Public Still Remains Critical," then we must ask the question, did we come here to follow political polls or to be statesmen and stateswomen.

Thomas Jefferson did not have a poll, but he tried to do what was right, and